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| Hiroya KOBAYASHI, et al.    | ) | Confirmation No.: 9353    |
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| For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE   | ) |                           |

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**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2008, the period for response to which extends through April 27, 2009 (April 26, 2009 being a Sunday) by the concurrently-filed petition for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows: